



## Miss Universe Aruba learn about what looks good and tastes good at La Bodega

On July 13, ten beautiful girls will compete for the title of “Miss Universe Aruba” and the honor of representing the island at the Miss Universe Pageant in 2008. Until then, their lives are a whirlwind of events that assist them in developing the poise and erudition needed to wear the crown and bear the responsibility. Monday evening, Romar Trading hosted a wine tasting at La Bodega Wine Cellars in Oranjestad, enabling the girls to understand some of the finer things in life.

Wine Cellar Manager Wendy Baareveld welcomed the candidates and representatives of Star Promotions, along with Vanessa Carrara and Guiver Schouten of Romar Trading. In addition to Guvier’s wine expertise, the program for the evening included make up and beauty secrets from International Make up Artist Alexander Amado of Vogue S.A., manufacturers of a fine line of botanical cosmetics from Colombia distributed by Romar Trading.

Alexander was very thorough, giving each girl tips about how best to care for and enhance their type of skin and coloring, shape and size of their eyes and face, and other beauty essentials. He finally performed a makeover on Miss Universe Aruba candidate Monique Pulido to demonstrate some of his techniques.

After his informative lecture, they had the opportunity to taste and understand the difference between red and white wines, and how best to appreciate and pair them with fine foods. Guiver used a Chardonnay and Merlot from Cassillero del Diablo Vineyards produced in the Maipo, Rapel and Maule valleys of Argentina. In the opinion of the Miss Universe Aruba pageant organizers, knowledge of fine wines is also a part of becoming a balanced and well-rounded Miss Universe candidate. Marinus Wegereef explained that the Aruban girls undergo a very similar program of events before the final competition, as do the young women that compete in the actual international pageant, and so any of them are prepared for all the demands of representing their country.

Not only are the various events an informative learning experience that assist them in becoming the polished young woman that will represent Aruba, but they can taste good, too!